

Republic of West Florida Historic Association Board Meeting Minutes February 13, 2012

Members Present:

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| Scotty Dawson | Andy Martin |
| Wanda Henderson | Al Saltus |
| Stewart Hughes | Martin Woolfolk |
| Mike Salmon | Martin McDairmid |
| Charley Beene | Scott Harrington |

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:00am by Mike Salmon
Minutes of January 9, 2012 meeting approved.

New Business:

Mike led discussion on the need of calling a general meeting and the need to establish guidelines for membership. Andy brought up the fact that the existing by-laws include too many levels of membership and needs to be changed. Mike suggested we update /revise the by-laws, calling a general meeting, establishing voting members who give substantially of their time and monetary means. Andy, Stewart and Martin will form a committee to update the by-laws. Martin will gather information on membership levels and present it to the board at a later meeting for their consideration.

Old Business: Status Reports

Financial assets and liabilities: Martin reported on his findings after walking the property and inspecting each of the buildings on the grounds. Most need extensive repairs. He asked if there was a possibility of separating the museum and its surrounding buildings from the train. Mike stated his vision is to make it all work together. We will start with the train and once it is running we can raise the money and interest in the other buildings including the museum.

Physical assets and liabilities: Stuart and Scotty had nothing new to report. Wanda presented two binders with pictures and written documentation of the inventory of the museum that Billy Spedale had in his possession. Billy and Wanda will meet soon to take pictures of more recent donations and include in the binders.

Mechanical assessment of locomotive and cars: Charlie reported that he talked with boiler expert. He suggested we find out from insurance company exactly what the requirements are for coverage. Then they can give us an inspection, making sure everything is according to the requirements for insurance coverage. Mike mentioned we should get an insurance agent to represent us to coordinate policies on all our properties. He thought Neil Record would be a good agent to have. Martin made a motion for Mike to contact Neil Record and Andy seconded. Mike asked that Andy ride to New Orleans with him to take a look at the shop there that Andy spoke of last week.

Publicity Plan: Doug Woolfolk volunteered to write article telling 'our story' to be published soon in different publications. He will work with Andy to gather history for the article. There was more discussion on our existing web site. Scotty made motion to give Clay Fourrier the required \$200.00 to revamp web site. Stewart second the motion. Doug Woolfolk generously donated the money to give to Mr. Fourrier

Next meeting: April 9, 2012